

**Algona City Council  
Council Meeting  
August 9, 2011**



Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Algona City Hall. He initiated the flag salute. Role call was taken with Council members Tim Fairley, Bill Thomas, Ed Britz, Lynda Osborn and Paul Mallary was present. Staff members present were Kari Sand – City Attorney, Buster McGehee – Police Chief, Diana Quinn – City Administrator and Laurie Ulrich – Deputy City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA -**

The agenda was unanimously approved upon motion by Fairley; seconded by Britz.

**CONSENT AGENDA -**

The consent agenda was unanimously approved upon motion by Fairley; seconded by Thomas.

- A. Minutes – Council Meeting – July 26, 2011  
Minutes – Council Workshop – July 26, 2011
- B. Audit of Reports
  - 1. Claims #101839 - #101881 = \$ 56,290.08  
August 9, 2011
  - 2. Payroll #60458 - #60464 = \$ 76,910.98  
July 31, 2011

VOID #

**REPORTS -**

**Councilmember Fairley:** None

**Councilmember Thomas:** He asked why a variance would not be the proper way for Kim Costulis to get approval to build an 8 ft fence. The Mayor said in our Ordinance we only allow a 6 ft fence height. He suggested that the Council consider changing the Ordinance. Under section 22.08.645 a “variance” means the relaxation of the strict application of the terms of this title with respect to front, rear, and side yards or heights of buildings, where specific physical conditions unique to the site of the lot would create an unreasonable burden by making its development for permitted uses difficult or impossible.

**Councilmember Britz:** None

**Councilmember Osborn:** She said the Hometown Community Services has been purchasing and putting together back packs with school supplies for the children in the community. They purchased 150 back packs and intend on providing supplies to 190 kids. They will be distributing these on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilmember Mallary:** None

**Diana Quinn:** None

**Buster McGehee:** He said the camera is up and running in the park. They had an incident today where some kids claimed to have been bitten by a dog in the park. They reviewed the surveillance camera and found out that in fact the kids were taunting the dog who defended itself.

**Dave Hill:** He said he was told about a cities and school program that would help to lower violence in schools. The City of Auburn is participating in the program and has asked the City of Algona and the City of Pacific to donate money for the cause. They mentioned having Algona pay \$1,000 but the Mayor feels as though it should be based on population and thought \$250.00 would be sufficient. It was left open for discussion.

He mentioned that our City engineer, Gray & Osborne, is still working on the scope of work for chip seal street repair and should be ready to go out to bid by mid August.

He suggested to council a modification of the code for the fence height request.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** – Garland Brown – 660 Main Street, - He said he came in to talk with Diana Quinn and Jimmy Griess about his drainage problem. He asked Diana Quinn, City Administrator, to put on the record their discussion. Diana said the homes were built 20 years ago and that this was a civil issue between the developer and Mr. Brown because it was on private property not City property. He asked if Jimmy had looked at the ditch yet to see if we could add a man hole to help with the water draining from his property. Diana mentioned that she has not received a report from Jimmy yet.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** –

A. Thomas Maskal requesting to park and stay in his trailer located at 500 Chicago Avenue – a letter from Mr. Maskal was requesting permission to park his trailer on his leased farm at 500 Chicago Avenue for the duration of the blueberry harvest for 2011. He is asking permission to stay at the location until mid September. The consensus of the Council was to allow the Mayor to grant up to thirty days as long as there are adequate conditions in place for the gray water disposal. They suggested the thirty days begin as of August 10, 2011.

B. Alverta Balcom requesting to have someone reside in her motor home located on her property at 327 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North – a letter from Ms. Balcom stated that she was given permission four years ago to allow her caregiver to live in the motor home from City staff. She said she is a 76 year old and needs her caregiver there to help keep the yard up and watch over her. The consensus of the Council was to not allow this under our present conditions in our City code. The Mayor is going to grant up to thirty days to rectify the situation.

It states under chapter 22.42.010 Purpose – the purpose of this chapter is to protect the visual character and identity of the city by regulating the use of recreational vehicles within city limits. Under 22.42.020 Overnight Use – Regulation states that no recreational vehicle shall be used as a permanent place of residence or dwelling for indefinite periods of time in the City of Algona. No recreational vehicle shall be occupied for more than seventy-two hours unless approved as follows: A) permission may be granted for up to thirty days by the mayor upon receipt of writing request by the property owner stating the nature of the request. (B) permission may be granted over thirty days by the city council upon receipt of written request by the property owner to the city clerk's office stating the nature of the request. Under 22.42.030 Regulation – Utility connection/external appurtenances prohibited – no recreational vehicle approved as above shall: (A) connect to or be supplied any public utility from the main residence except as approved by the mayor. (B) attach any external appurtenances, such as carports, cabanas, or patios, except as approved by the mayor. Under 22.42.040 commercial use prohibited – no recreational vehicle shall be occupied for commercial purposes within the City of Algona.


**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** -

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Laurie Ulrich, Deputy City Clerk

  
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David E. Hill, Mayor